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1. IN MEETING JULY 30 WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PACOSTE CHARGE BROACHED TOPIC OF EMIGRATION STATISTICS (REFTELS). NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR BARNES AND ANDREI HAD AGREED HJREE WEEKS AGO ON UTILITY OF PROMPT PROVISION BY GOR OF LATEST EMIGRATION STATISTICS FOR USE WITH KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL MFN REVIEW COMMITTEES, CHARGE SAID THAT DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS TO PRODEA NO INFORMATION HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO DATE. CHARGE STATED HE FELT TIME HAD COME TO STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH. IF GOR HAD DECIDED NOT TO MEET WHAT APPEARED ON THE RECORD TO BE A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT, HE WANTED TO KNOW FOR HE HAD NO INTENTION OF CONTINUING TO HOUND PRODEA.

2. PACOSTE RESPONDED THAT HE REGRETTED THERE APPEARED TO BE A COMMUNICATIONS GAP BETWEEN ANDREI'S OFFICE AND HIS OWN (HE BLAMED IT ON HIS ABSENCE ON HOLIDAY). HE SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY SIGNED OFF ON A TELEGRAM
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TO THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AT LEAST

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10 DAYS AGO CONTAINING UP TO DATE DATA ON EMIGRATION TO THE U.S., ISRAEL AND THE FRG. THE MESSAGE INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO MAKE DATA AVAILABLE TO CONG. GREEN. HE THEN ORDERED DONCA (AMERICAN DESK OFFICER WHO WAS NOTETAKER AT MEETING) TO MAKE SURE MFA CONSULAR DIVISION PROVIDED COPY OF DATA TO US ON MONDAY.

3. CHARGE SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO LEARN OF FOLLOW-THROUGH ON BARNES-ANDREI AGREEMENT, BUT REGRETTED DATA HAD NOT ALSO BEEN PROMPTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT FOR SELECTIVE USE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HE REMINDED PACOSTE THAT GREEN WAS NOT ONLY FIGURE ON HILL WITH INTEREST IN EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA. PACOSTE SAID THIS WAS PROBABLY AN OVERSIGHT ON EMBASSY'S PART AND INSTRUCTED DONCA TO HAVE EMBASSY TRANSMIT INFO TO DEPT. IMMEDIATELY.

4. CHARGE INQUIRED IF DATA CONTAINED PROJECTIONS OF APPROVALS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. PACOSTE SAID THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE BECAUSE "WE DO NOT HAVE A PLANNED EMIGRATION PROGRAM." JOSHING HIM THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLY THE ONLY ELEMENT OF ROMANIAN SOCIETY LEFT UNPLANNED, CHARGE REITERATED THAT NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS WERE CRITICAL TO CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY OF GOR EMIGRATION DEVELOPMENTS AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE WHATEVER ADVANCE FORECASTS ON APPROVALS THERE WERE AVAILABLE. PACOSTE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS, BUT FACT WAS NOTHING MORE WAS AVAILABLE "FOR THE TIME BEING."

5. COMMENT: WE ARE FOLLOWING UP HERE WITH CONSULAR DIRECTORATE TO OBTAIN STATISTICS, BUT MEANWHILE DESK MAY WANT TO JOG ROMANIAN EMBASSY FOR SAME DATA.
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